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CLAIMS AS AMENDED

1. (Amended) A collaborative browsing system for a computer network comprising network servers hosting a plurality of network sites, comprising:

a main server bi-directionally connected to the computer network, the main server containing a cell manager for grouping locations of the network sites into cells, wherein each cell comprises a plurality of network sites associated with an entity, and wherein each network site is identified by a Universal Resource Locator and the network is the Internet; and

a plurality of client programs bi-directionally connected to the main server via the network and each connected to at least one of the network sites of one cell,

wherein said main server enables a first one of the client programs connected to a network site in one of the cells to identify a second one of the client programs and to form a session with that second client program that collaboratively browses the network sites of the one cell, and

wherein the main server stores a location of the network site to which the session is connected.

2. (Previously presented) A collaborative browsing system according to claim 1, wherein the main server enables a client program connected to a network site in one of the cells to identify at least two additional client programs among the plurality of client programs and to form the session with said additional client programs.

3. (Original) A collaborative browsing system according to claim 1, wherein the client programs in the session follow a session leader.

4. (Original) A collaborative browsing system according to claim 1, wherein each client program in the session can communicate with other client programs in the session.

5. (Previously presented) A collaborative browsing system according to claim 3, wherein each client program in the session can communicate with other client programs in other sessions in the one cell.

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6. (Previously presented) A collaborative browsing system according to claim 1, wherein each client program in the session can communicate with other client programs in other sessions in the one cell.

7. (Amended) A collaborative browsing system according to claim 1, wherein the main server sends specifically targeted advertisements to at least one client program.

8. (Previously presented) A collaborative browsing system according to claim 3, wherein any client program in the session can act as a session leader.

9. (Previously presented) A collaborative browsing system according to claim 3, wherein all client programs in the session can act as session leaders.

Claims 10-13 (Canceled).

14. (Amended) In a computer network comprising a plurality of network servers hosting a plurality of network sites, a method of collaboratively browsing the network by a plurality of client programs connected to the network, comprising:

defining a plurality of cells by a cell manager, each cell comprising ~~at least one location of a network site in the computer network~~ a plurality of network sites associated with an entity, wherein each network site is identified by a Universal Resource Locator and the network is the Internet;

communicating to a first client program connected to a first network site in one of the cells information identifying a second client program which is connected to a second network site in the one cell;

receiving a request from the first client program to form a first session together with the second client program to collaboratively browse the network sites of the one cell;

assigning the first and second client programs to a first session which collaboratively browses the network sites of the one cell; and

sending a current location of a network site to which the first session is connected to all

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client programs in the session.

Claims 15-16 (Canceled).

17. (Amended) The method according to claim 14, further comprising:
~~assigning a plurality of network site locations to a cell;~~
tracking the first session and a plurality of other sessions in the one cell; and
informing client programs in the first session of other client programs in the other
sessions in the one cell.

Claims 18-20 (Canceled).

21. (New) The system of claim 1, wherein the main server receives message information from the first client program and selectively sends that message information to the other client programs in the session.

22. (New) The system of claim 1, wherein the main server receives message information from the first client program and selectively sends that message information to other client programs in the other sessions in the one cell.

23. (New) The system of claim 1, wherein the main server sends information to the first client program regarding an allied user.

24. (New) The system of claim 23, wherein the main server receives message information from the first client program and selectively sends that message information to the allied user.

25. (New) The system of claim 1, wherein the entity is at least one of a company, a university, or a top-level domain.

26. (New) The system of claim 25, wherein the plurality of network sites that comprise the one cell are dynamically defined.

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27. (New) The system of claim 25, wherein the plurality of network sites that comprise the one cell are predefined.

28. (New) The system of claim 1, wherein the main server sends advertisements to the first client program that are related to the plurality of network sites comprising the one cell.

29. (New) The method of claim 17, further comprising the steps of:
dynamically redefining the plurality of network sites that comprise the cell, wherein the entity is at least one of a company or a university; and
sending advertisements to the first client program and the second client program that are related to the plurality of network sites that define the one cell.